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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION - HAITI, ELECTIONS AFTERMATH

On February 17, conservative, independent "La Tercera" (circ.  
10,2000) carried a column by Alvaro Vargas Llosa entitled "Minustah,  
the OAS, and Haiti." Quote:

"The accord in Haiti is the best that could be done given the  
circumstances. But what has happened since February 7 can only be  
labeled a fiasco that will surely have consequences in the long  
term, because sooner or later Preval's opponents, those who created  
the fraud, will use the accord to undermine the government's  
legitimacy."

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